

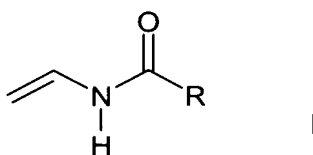
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for pretreating cellulosic textile, which comprises the steps of:

(a) treating cellulosic textile with a solution of polymer or copolymer obtainable by

(a1) polymerization or copolymerization of N-vinylamide of the general formula I,



where

comonomers of N-vinylamide are selected from (meth)acrylates, N-vinylpyrrolidone, N-vinylimidazole, ethylene, propylene, 1-butene and 1,3-butadiene,

R is selected from hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, and

(a2) partial hydrolysis if appropriate,  
(b) optionally drying the treated textile, and  
(c) optionally saponifying all or some of the amide groups,

wherein at least one of the steps (a2) and (c) is carried out.

Claim 2 (Original): The process according to claim 1 that utilizes aqueous solution of polymer or copolymer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R represents hydrogen in the general formula I.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~  
claim 1 wherein the polymer or copolymer obtainable by polymerization or copolymerization  
of N-vinylamide of the general formula I has an  $M_w$  in the range from 10,000 to 1,000,000  
g/mol.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~  
claim 1 wherein the copolymer is obtainable  
by (a1) copolymerization of N-vinylamide of the general formula I  
with at least one further comonomer selected from N-vinylpyrrolidone and  
N-vinylimidazole.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~  
claim 1 that utilizes polymer or copolymer obtainable by  
(a1) polymerization or copolymerization of N-vinylamide of general formula I and  
(a2) subsequent partial hydrolysis.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Cellulosic textile pretreated by a process according to  
~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of~~ The method of using cellulosic textile  
pretreated by a process according to ~~at least one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 for producing dyed  
textile.

Claim 9 (Original): A process for producing dyed cellulosic textile, which comprises  
dyeing pretreated cellulosic textile according to claim 7 with reactive, vat or direct dye.

Claim 10 (Original): The process according to claim 9 wherein the dyeing liquor  
comprises from 0 to 20 g/l of one or more inorganic salts.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Dyed cellulosic textile obtainable by a process  
according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~.